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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. A process for production of image cards comprising ~~the following steps:~~  
[[ - ]] printing of a sheet [[(1)]] so as to obtain a printed sheet [[(1a)]] with a plurality of images [[(3)]] disposed in a plurality of windows [[(30)]], and  
[[ - ]] punching of said printed sheet [[(1a)]] so as to obtain a punched sheet [[(1d)]] with microperforations [[(63)]] along the perimeter of said windows [[(30)]] containing the image [[(3)]],  
~~characterised in that it further comprises the steps of~~  
[[ - ]] overprinting decorations [[(43)]] on said image windows [[(3)]], and  
[[ - ]] depositing a protective layer [[(50)]] on said decorations [[(43)]] so as to fix them and avoid removal of material from the decorations.
2. A process according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said overprinting of decorations [[(50)]] takes place before said punching.
3. A process according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]], characterised in that~~ wherein said step of overprinting decorations takes place by hot transfer of decorations from a decorative foil [[(42)]].
4. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein said decorations comprise pigments or flakes of noble metals, such as gold, silver and the like.
5. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein said protective layer is a transparent varnish [[(50)]] which is deposited on the decorations [[(43)]] by means of spraying or other means such as brushes, rollers, doctor blades and the like, and is subsequently dried by means of ultraviolet [[(UV)]] lamps [[(56)]]
6. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that~~ wherein said protective layer is a thin transparent film of plastic material.
7. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of printing of writing, wherein writings [[(70)]] are printed on the back surface of the punched sheet [[(1d)]], in register with each image [[(3)]].

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8. A process according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said printing step takes place by means of a photocopying machine or a printer  $[(7)]$ .

9. A sheet  $[(1d)]$  comprising a plurality of display cards each comprising a window  $[(30)]$  in which there is represented an image  $[(3)]$  and in which the perimeter of each window has microperforations  $[(63)]$  to allow removal of the single image card, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each window  $[(30)]$  has a decorative coating  $[(43)]$  and a protective coating  $[(50)]$ .

10. An image card comprising a front surface on which an image  $[(3)]$  is represented and a back surface on which writings  $[(70)]$  are reproduced, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein on the front surface of the card there is provided a decorative layer  $[(43)]$  on which a protective layer  $[(50)]$  is deposited.